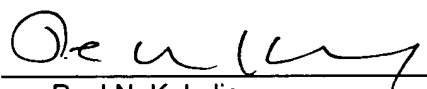


**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to correct dependency or to otherwise improve the form thereof.

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